--- “Series of 1897” - 25 Cigars - 297 x 23 mm - 1897-1908 ---

--- *recess printed* in BLUE ink - *coarse roulette* - with 4½ mm. *red control* numbers - scanned at 50% scale ---

--- with the 22 mm. [American Bank Note Co. Ottawa **] imprint ---**

The catalogue lists the recess printed twenty-five cigar “Series of 1897” blue strip as follows:

RG-442 - 25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - 4½ mm red controls

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★**RG-442** - 25 cigars, blue, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, control number **644432**,
[the design measures 297 x 23 mm]

326239-40	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
380285	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644025	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644071	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644121-22	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - top of Plate No. 7
644184	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644299	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644312	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644323	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644325	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644327	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644355	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644368	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644375★	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644385	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644387	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644388	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644393	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644410	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644427	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644432★	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
644450★	RG-442	25 cigars, blue, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove

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--- *recess printed* in BLUE ink - *coarse roulette* - without control numbering - 293 x 23 mm - scanned at 50% scale ---

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★**RG-442n CRP** - 25 cigars, blue, *coarse roulette,* on horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering, stamped **Registered** and **CANCELLED** in violet ink - the design measures 293 x 23 mm]

★**RG-442n SP** - 25 cigars, blue, *coarse roulette,* on horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / A-20** in violet ink - the design measures 293 x 23 mm]

It is pure speculation on my part, but since the *control-free* examples all measure about 4 mm. shorter than the *control-numbered* production strips, perhaps the "TP" varieties were taken from the original *flat plates*, and the *control-numbered* strips are longer because, for later production, these flat plates were *curved* to fit on a rotary press.

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